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Iceland has traditionally sold Cuba small quantities low grade salt fish and occasionally shipped it in Icelandic ships. As reported in Embassy A-79 October 12 (now enroute to Department) Icelandic ships will in future not sail to Cuba. Exporters now propose ship fish in Icelandic bottoms to Hamburg or other European port for trans-shipment but GOI and Icelandic ship owners seem to be concerned over interpretation our restrictions on shipping to Cuba. Foreign Office therefore asks specifically whether proposed shipping arrangements would in any way prejudice Icelandic flag shipping in US eyes. As small shipment due to be made in immediate future would appreciate telegraphic reply.

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